



Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish News



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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

4th/5th July, 2020

Dear Friends

Today's Gospel begins with Jesus exclaiming, "I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children."

What has God hidden from the wise and revealed to little ones? Here Jesus wasn't just speaking about young boys and girls, but all the poor, the under-privileged, the marginalised and the destitute. And what has God done for them?

Quite simply, some Jewish religious leaders claimed that to enter God's Kingdom people needed a very detailed knowledge not only of the 613 Laws given to Moses, but also the multitude of additional minute precisions made to them. What is more, they were expected to observe every one of them. Only religious legal experts could possibly do that. The majority of people would be dismissed as ignorant sinners and excluded.

But Jesus tells us that the so-called experts have got it wrong. He has come to remove the crushing, impossible, burden of so many petty rules and regulations. To each of us he says, 'Come to me all you who labour and over-burdened, and I will give you rest. "Jesus offers those, who would be dismissed as ignorant and unimportant, freedom from trying to carry such an impossible burden; now they -we -can rest in the Lord, in a happiness which had seemed impossibly.

But Jesus goes on to say, 'my yoke is easy, my burden light'; that removes any complacency we may feel. We can't yet sit back and relax. Following Christ is demanding and at times difficult. But the demands are not meticulous observance of petty man-made regulations, but something far more serious. That is the command to love God above all else, and our neighbour as ourselves. The command to love covers everything that really matters. It touches every corner of our lives. Laws are only good in so far as they protect and foster real love.

And what about the yoke Christ mentions in this Gospel? Well, as you probably know, a yoke is a piece of wood, shaped to rest comfortably on the shoulders. Loads are attached to each end and are easy to carry because their weight is spread. The point is that we must carry our crosses and follow Christ on the difficult journey of love, if we are to find the eternal rest which He promises. But Jesus here tells us that with His help we can carry the weight of our crosses. He can transform carrying our burdens into labours of love. We couldn't begin to do that without Him. But, with His assistance we can do what would be humanly impossible.

There's a beautiful story which shows that this can transform drudgery into a labour of love. Someone, seeing a lad carrying his young brother on his back, sympathetically remarked, "That's a heavy load you're carrying." To which the lad replied, "That's not a load; that's my little brother!" That came from the heart and was, indeed, a labour of love!

So, while the so-called wise thought they could reach heaven through their detailed knowledge of rules and their own efforts in observing them, Christ has a completely difference approach. The law of love is the only way to heaven. The wonderful thing is that with God's help that is possible for all of us.

Fr. Isidore Clarke O.P.

Readings: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:10-11

Romans 8:18-23

Matthew 13:1-23

READINGS FOR 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

First Reading Zechariah 9:9–10

The Lord says this:

‘Rejoice heart and soul, child of Zion!

Shout with gladness, child of Jerusalem!

See now, your king comes to you;

he is victorious, he is triumphant,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

He will banish chariots from Ephraim

and horses from Jerusalem;

the bow of war will be banished.

He will proclaim peace for the nations.

His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,

from the River to the ends of the earth.’

Responsorial Psalm

I will praise your name for ever,

my king and my God.

Second Reading Romans 8:9, 11–13

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers and sisters, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 11:25–30

Jesus exclaimed, ‘I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

‘Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.’

PARISH NEWS

SUPPORT WHEN YOU NEED IT

The Parish Office continues to be open and we are available to help you. Your continued support of the Parish is much appreciated. If you have any questions please give the office a call.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - CONFIRMATION

Preparation for Confirmation will commence in Jul. All children in Year Three and above, who have been baptised in the Catholic tradition are invited to take part. If you have a child you would like to enroll please contact Rachel by phone the Parish Office, 3349 2280 or email her at sacpr.hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au.

LITTLE KINGS MOVEMENT ANNUAL APPEAL THANK YOU

“The Little King’s Movement for the Handicapped” would like to take this opportunity to thank you, the parishioners of the Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish, for your support with our Church Appeal 2020 to raise much needed funds. This year you donated \$1,294.75. Their generosity will enable us to carry on our work within our communities on their behalf.

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Continuing on our faith journey during this time of isolation; when our faith will sustain us through challenging times. If our doors are closed, let our hearts be open

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LIVESTREAMING OF MASSES FROM ST STEPHEN'S CATHEDRAL

Press Ctrl and click on www.archbne.org/bzw

MASS ON TV – CHANNEL 10

Mass for You at Home - Sunday at 6:00am.

EVANGELISATION BRISBANE – DAILY REFLECTIONS

For a theological reflection on the gospel of the day go to:

Press Ctrl and click on

<http://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/daily-reflections/>

CATHOLIC LEADER – COMMITTING TO ACCESS OF STORIES

If you haven't already done so, [you can sign up to receive your weekly digital newspaper here.](#)

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC MEN'S GATHERING

Brothers what must we do?

Due to COVID-19 the ACBC Catholic Men's Gathering for 2020 has been postponed to July, 2021. There will however be a modified online event offered to registered participants from Saturday 15th August 2020. Registration for this event will be free and the program will be delivered in four sessions, each of approximately 1 hour in length. There is great flexibility in how you might choose to access and participate in the program, either individually or gathering with others. The sessions will offer input from a variety of speakers, musicians, and bishops, along with a response and questions for group discussion or individual reflection. For more information about the program and to register from Monday 29th June, please go to bit.ly/cm2020event

CLAIRVAUX MACKILLOP COLLEGE 2020 WINDOWS TOUR

Live Virtual Tour, Friday July 24th from 10:00 – 11:00am. To register please go to www.cvxmck.edu.au and select the Enrolments tab. A link will be emailed to you for the event. For information contact the Enrolment Secretary, 3347 9223 or visit www.cvxmck@edu.au

Masses and Sacrament of Reconciliation

Dear Parishioners,

I ask you to arrive at the masses early to give yourself time to sign in and find your seats so that masses can start on time.

SUNDAY MASSES

We are offering two masses on Sundays commencing 7:30am at St Joachim's and 9:00am at St Agnes'. St Agnes' Church can accommodate 48 people and St Joachim's can have 63.

Bookings must be made prior to attending Mass and registrations **must** close at 4:00pm on Fridays.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Weekday masses have recommenced on Thursday at St Agnes' and on Friday at St Joachim's, both commencing 9:00am.

Bookings must be made prior to attending Mass. Registrations must close at 4:00pm on the Wednesday and Thursday respectfully.

THIS PROCESS WILL NEED TO CONTINUE UNTIL THE GOVERNMENT ADVISES THAT CONTACT TRACING IS NO LONGER REQUIRED.

HOW TO BOOK

A TryBooking page has been opened to facilitate the booking of masses. All you need to do is click on your preferred venue:

St Joachim's Masses - <https://www.trybooking.com/BJVCV>

St Agnes' Masses - <https://www.trybooking.com/BJVFE>

and complete the online booking:

1. Select **Book Now**
2. Choose Mass, press **Select**
3. Choose Section you wish to sit in, press **Select**
4. Add tickets required, press **Next**
5. Fill our details for each person attending, complete **all** fields, press **Next**
6. Complete Booking details, this must be completed to finalise booking, press **Purchase**
7. If your booking is successful you will receive an email within a few minutes.

If you do not get a confirmation email or you have difficulty making a booking please the parish office. We will assist you.

If you do not have access to the internet please ring the parish office and we will make the booking for you.

WHEN YOU ARRIVE

Please sign the registration sheet at the front door. You must sit in the section which you chose or was allocated to you.

If you have forgotten it will be noted on the sign-in sheets. Please sit between the crosses and remember to social distance within the pew.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also being made available to anyone who is interested. I will offer Reconciliation after Mass on Thursday and Friday or by appointment. If you wish to make an appointment please ring the parish office.

With god's blessings

Fr Joson



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